

SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG CALFED Task Force Water Management Sub-Committee Meeting

June 23, 2003

Conference Room B, 101 8th Street, Oakland CA 94607-4756

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Ira Ruskin called the meeting to order at 11:30a.m. with introductions and welcomed all members present.

Attendance was as follows:

Members Present

Bill Keene
Cynthia Murray
David Houts
Doug Wallace
Ira Ruskin (Chairman)
Jake Mackenzie
Jared Huffman
Jean Auer
Jerry Brown
Julia Maclay
Mike Rippey
Nicole Sandkulla
Paul Gilbert-Snyder
Rachael Wark
Tim Anderson
Tony Chapman
Yoriko Kishimoto

Jurisdiction

Sonoma County Water Agency
County of Marin
Zone 7 Water Agency
East Bay Municipal Utility District
City of Redwood City
City of Rohnert Park
Marin Municipal Water District
San Francisco Estuary Project
Contra Costa Water District
Santa Clara Valley Water District
County of Napa
Bay Area Water Users Association
EBMUD
RMC
Sonoma County Water Agency
EBMUD
City of Palo Alto

Guests Present

John Rodgers

SFPUC/BASIC

ABAG/CALFED Staff Present

Terry Bursztynsky
Cindy Darling
Vina Maharaj
Kathleen Van Velsor

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF WATER MGMT. SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2003

A general consensus was reached to approve the Summary Minutes of March 17, 2003.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Ruskin provided some background on why there was a request to postpone this meeting today. He said he had received concerns from various members of water agencies about holding the meeting on this date due to two reasons, firstly; a conflict with a meeting of the Bay Area Water Agency Coalition and secondly; some members said they needed more time to think about the draft regional principles, water planning and management issues. They had invited various people from the integrated management plan to attend their BAWAC meeting and were hoping to reach a joint conclusion about how to go forward. Chairman Ruskin suggested delaying discussions on these subjects until the next meeting, which he suggested be held very soon, deciding on a date of July 21, 2003 for the next meeting.

Supervisor Cynthia Murray said she was concerned at the way agenda items 5 & 6 were presented on the Study Session Agenda of July 21, 2003. She said it seemed like there was a presumption of how to go forward in Item No. 5, before the item could be presented on Agenda Item No. 6. It was suggested and Chairman Ruskin agreed to reverse Items 5 & 6 on the Study Session agenda of July 21, 2003.

Chairman Ruskin suggested moving Agenda Item No. 6 – “Integrated Regional Water Management Plans (IRWMPs)” and Agenda Item No. 7 – “Draft Principles for Regional Water Planning and Management” to the next water management sub-committee meeting of July 21st, 2003.

Murray also voiced concern on the way Agenda Item No. 5 was written on the Study Session agenda. She said an integrated regional water management plan shouldn't only include water agencies, but also sanitary districts, water districts and city and county governments as well. Murray said she was supposed to be presenting a partnership model and resolution to the group today, but due to lack of water agency members present, will be presenting them at the next meeting.

Chairman Ruskin suggested the Study Session Agenda items be re-written with precise amendments stipulated clearly, including the alternative resolution and indicating on the agenda that there will be discussion on both resolutions.

Terry Bursztynsky said that he thought there was a misinterpretation regarding the resolution. It was never intended that there would be dual resolutions. The intents were to put something on the table to stimulate discussion by the task force and the water management sub-committee and to reserve a placeholder so that ABAG would not lose any possible opportunities for Prop. 50 funding.

Jared Huffman suggested highlighting the need to bring in responses from a wide variety of stakeholder groups, even including Joe Aves and Leslie Freeman Johnson who worked closely with Senator Machado in writing Prop. 50.

After a long discussion and various suggestions by members, as mentioned above, a general consensus was reached as follows:

- ◆ A meeting be held amongst the staff before the July 21st sub-committee meeting;
- ◆ Staff to work towards creating a draft joint resolution and a draft integrated regional water management plan and report back to the sub-committee at their next meeting on July 21st
- ◆ The discussions to have a framework to be developed around the following subjects:
 - Geographic scope of an integrated water resources plan
 - Which water resource issues would apply
 - What are the parties that would need to be brought to the table
 - What degree of specificity is the Task Force looking to drive through the plan
- ◆ After the staff meeting has finished and the questions articulated, a corrected final agenda be prepared for the July 21st meeting and sent out a week in advance of the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEM

Jake Mackenzie announced that the Russian River Watershed Association will hold its first board of directors meeting on June 26, 2003. The Association is modeled after the North Bay Watershed Association. It has been working for the last twelve months to bring the Association into being and currently consists of ten regulated entities in Mendocino and Sonoma counties.

Kathleen Van Velsor announced she had received correspondence from Freeport Regional Authority requesting to present their program to the Water Management Sub-committee at a future meeting. Chairman Ruskin suggested putting them down on a future agenda.

COORDINATED REGIONAL PLANNING FOR WATER SYSTEM OUTAGES (Initiated at the request of Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty)

Chairman Ruskin introduced John C. Rodgers who is an Emergency Planning Coordinator with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. Mr. Rodgers is the Chairman of the Bay Area Security Information Collaborative known as BASIC. BASIC is comprised of eight bay area water utilities, the California Dept. of Health Services, the US Environmental Protection Agency and the FBI, formed to develop guidelines to response of threats to public water supplies following the events of September 11.

Mr. Rodgers' presentation included an overview of BASIC, as follows:

- Start of BASIC
- Participating Members
- BASIC Activities
- Benefits of Regional Collaboration
- Support Needed

Rodgers said the goal of BASIC is to support and promote regional security practices among the public and private water utilities of the Bay Area.

UPDATE ON REGIONAL WATER DATA COLLECTION EFFORTS

Kathleen Van Velsor provided a brief report. She said a scope of work has been developed, however, funding is still being sought. Van Velsor said she will work together with RMC to continue to compile data for the entire region.

Cindy Darling mentioned CALFED funded contractors are looking at the recently revised smart growth projections and how that might change the water demand projections to the Bay Area Water Agencies. She said she will update the sub-committee members on what projects are on the table in September.

Darling said that CALFED's planning processes 4 through 7 have been on its way for a while. She said CALFED is trying to take different program elements and wherever they see a Bay Area future with a regional objective, they put them down in the Bay Area plan. Darling said a draft plan was getting ready for distribution over the summer.

PROPOSTION 50 IMPLEMENTATION, CALIFORNIA BAY-DELTA AUTHORITY, AND DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES BULLETIN 160 UPDATES

There was a brief discussion amongst the members. It was mentioned that the CALFED Bay Delta Authority is planning to meet in August and that Patrick Wright has been officially appointed as the director of the Authority.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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